IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method of providing security, comprising:

accessing a file configured ~~by a process~~ to store operational information ~~associated with the~~ comprising an identification of one or more resources accessed by a process during initialization of the process, which file an operating system with which the process is associated, or a component or module of the operating system, is configured to use in the event of a subsequent initialization of the process to prefetch at least one of said one or more resources prior to access to said at least one of said one or more resources being requested by the process;

determining a first behavior using the operational information, wherein the first behavior is associated with the process;

monitoring the process; comparing a second behavior with the first behavior, wherein the second behavior is attempted by the process; and

performing a predetermined responsive action if the second behavior is different from the first behavior;

wherein ~~the operational information includes a list of one or more resources accessed by the process in the course of a normal and permitted operation; the file is used by the process in the course of said normal and permitted operation to enable the process to access said resources and~~ determining the first behavior includes parsing the file to identify the one or more resources.

2. (Previously Presented) The method of providing security as recited in Claim 1, in an event the second behavior is determined to be different from the first behavior, the second behavior is determined to be disallowed.

3. (Previously Presented) The method of providing security as recited in Claim 1, wherein the first behavior is one of a plurality of behaviors determined using the operational information.

4.   (Previously Presented) The method of providing security as recited in Claim 1, wherein the first behavior is one of a plurality of behaviors determined using the operational information, and in the event the second behavior is determined to be different from the plurality of behaviors, the second behavior is determined to be disallowed.

5.   (Previously Presented) The method of providing security as recited in Claim 1, further comprising determining that the second behavior is disallowed.

6.   (Previously Presented) The method of providing security as recited in Claim 1, further comprising determining that the second behavior is disallowed and performing a predetermined action.

7.   (Previously Presented) The method of providing security as recited in Claim 1, wherein the predetermined action includes preventing the second behavior from succeeding.

8.   (Previously Presented) The method of providing security as recited in Claim 1, wherein the predetermined action includes generating an event associated with the second behavior.

9.   (Previously Presented) The method of providing security as recited in Claim 1, wherein determining the first behavior using the operational information is performed when the process is not operating.

10.   (Canceled)

11.   (Previously Presented) The method of providing security as recited in Claim 1, wherein the operational information includes information is used to improve process initialization time.

12.   (Previously Presented) The method of providing security as recited in Claim 1, wherein the operational information is configured on a per user basis.

13.   (Previously Presented) The method of providing security as recited in Claim 1, wherein the operational information includes component access information.

14.   (Previously Presented) The method of providing security as recited in Claim 1, wherein the file includes a prefetch file.

15.   (Previously Presented) The method of providing security as recited in Claim 1, wherein the file includes a superfetch file.

16.   (Currently Amended) A system for providing security, comprising:

a processor configured to:

access a file configured ~~by a process~~ to store operational information ~~associated with the~~ comprising an identification of one or more resources accessed by a process during initialization of the process, which file an operating system with which the process is associated, or a component or module of the operating system, is configured to use in the event of a subsequent initialization of the process to prefetch at least one of said one or more resources prior to access to said at least one of said one or more resources being requested by the process;

determine a first behavior using the operational information, wherein the first behavior is associated with the process;

monitor the process;

compare a second behavior with the first behavior, wherein the second behavior is attempted by the process; and

perform a predetermined responsive action if the second behavior is different from the first behavior; and

a memory coupled with the processor, configured to provide the processor with directions;

wherein ~~the operational information includes a list of one or more resources accessed by the process in the course of a normal and permitted operation; the file is used by the process in the course of said normal and permitted operation to enable the process to access said resources and~~ determining the first behavior includes parsing the file to identify the one or more resources.

17.   (Currently Amended) A computer program product for providing security, the computer program product being embodied in a computer readable ~~storage~~ medium and comprising computer instructions for:

accessing a file configured ~~by a process~~ to store operational information ~~associated with the~~ comprising an identification of one or more resources accessed by a process during initialization of the process, which file an operating system with which the process is associated, or a component or module of the operating system, is configured to use in the event of a subsequent initialization of the process to prefetch at least one of said one or more resources prior to access to said at least one of said one or more resources being requested by the process;

determining a first behavior using the operational information, wherein the first behavior is associated with the process;

monitoring the process;

comparing a second behavior with the first behavior, wherein the second behavior is attempted by the process; and

performing a predetermined responsive action if the second behavior is different from the first behavior;

wherein ~~the operational information includes a list of one or more resources accessed by the process in the course of a normal and permitted operation; the file is used by the process in the course of said normal and permitted operation to enable the process to access said resources and~~ determining the first behavior includes parsing the file to identify the one or more resources.

18.   (Canceled)

19.   (Canceled)

20.   (Canceled)